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STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN
THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE U.S.A.
AND

THE FEDERAL EXTENSION SERVICE OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Federal Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture deem it advisable to outline their mutual relationships and opportunities for cooperation on a national basis. It is believed that such a statement of relationships will help the leaders and members of each agency to have a better understanding of the other's work and, in turn, to contribute to a broader experience for youth throughout the country, especially in the field of homemaking.

Many of the aims and objectives of Girl Scouts and the Extension Service are shared by other organizations in the community that serve young people. How to help boys and girls develop into happy, useful, competent and well-adjusted individuals is a challenge for all organizations and agencies. In the selection of appropriate procedures, methods and means for accomplishment, each organization takes on its own characteristic pattern.

4-H Club Work

The overall aim of 4-H Club work is to help young people develop skilled hands, trained minds, sound bodies, happy personalities and good attitudes of citizenship. 4-H Club work is an integral part of a nation-wide educational system of Cooperative Extension work in agriculture and homemaking in which the United States Department of Agriculture, the State land-grant colleges and the county extension services share. It is a distinctly public educational program and was developed among farm and non-farm boys and girls for the purpose of improving their knowledge and skills in agriculture and home economics; training leadership; developing high standards of citizenship; giving technical education; and providing means whereby boys and girls may conduct practical projects and activities that will be a source of profit and training to the individual and also serve to improve farm and home practices in the community.

The grouping of the young people into clubs with regular meetings, demonstrations, tours, camps, and recreation is a means for making the work more effective in developing a four-fold program of training with respect to the head, heart, hands and health. Each member of the club performs useful productive home or agricultural work in the most approved way under the guidance of trained leaders, keeps a record of results, attends club meetings, and makes a report of his work.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

The Girl Scouts is a private youth-serving agency. It is dedicated to helping girls develop as happy, resourceful individuals willing to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, their country, and the world. Girl Scouting begins with the individual girl and her development through group experiences. It offers her interesting recreational activities, fun with others of her own age, companionship with adults, and a chance to work in a group small enough to allow her to take a responsible part. The program is planned in cooperation with the girls and representative community leaders, to meet the needs

of girls and the community. It is carried out by adult volunteers serving in councils and committees, as leaders or assistant leaders, and by professional workers and girl planning boards.

The program of the 4-H Club work and the Girl Scouts is closest in the following field of interest for girls--homemaking; foods and nutrition; health and safety; arts and crafts; community living; nature and agriculture; camping and other outdoor activities; and wildlife conservation.

To this end, certain points of mutual relationships on a national basis have been outlined below. These points have been agreed upon by the Federal Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Each State Director of Extension, a State 4-H staff member, and a member of the Girl Scouts' national staff in the State may find it desirable to confer to consider their own points of relationship and to outline memoranda of relationships.

Suggested Points of Good Relationships on the National Level

Each organization will:

1. Become acquainted with the others policies, personnel and ways of work;
2. Exchange literature, share the results of findings or studies which deal with youth;
3. Cooperate in and endorse the others program.

This statement was approved by the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities and by its Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work, and by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.



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4-H Club Pledge

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living for
My club, my community and My country.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try
To do my duty to God and my country
To help other people at all times
To obey the Girl Scout Laws.



